



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05725.0623

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:              | ) |                      |
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| <b>Gérard LANG et al.</b>          | ) | Group Art Unit: 1751 |
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| Application No.: 09/600,132        | ) | Examiner: E. Elhilo  |
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| PCT filed: December 21, 1998       | ) |                      |
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| § 371 Date: August 14, 2000        | ) |                      |
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| For: DYEING COMPOSITION CONTAINING | ) |                      |
| A LACCASE AND KERATINOUS FIBRE     | ) |                      |
| DYEING METHOD                      | ) |                      |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the application in light of the following remarks. A Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, extending the due date until April 22, 2004, is also enclosed. Applicants also file herewith a Notice of Appeal.

**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 23-62 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended in this Response and no new matter has been added.